

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-20. (canceled)

Claims 21-29. (canceled)

Claim 30. (currently amended) A method of distributing digital data content to a ~~customer~~ viewer, ~~the method~~ comprising:

~~transmitting a plurality of the digital data content to the customer viewer;~~
~~transmitting additional information to the customer along with the plurality of the digital data content;~~

providing a mechanism for permitting the customer viewer to preselect desired digital data content for storage from the plurality of digital data content received by the viewer for storage; and

~~permitting the customer to display any of the preselected digital data content from storage;~~

receiving at a location remote from the viewer transmitting digital data content displaying information from the customer viewer to a remote location to verify that a preselected digital data content has been displayed.

Claim 31. (currently amended) The method of claim 30, further comprising:

transmitting additional information to the viewer along with the digital data content
wherein the additional data is ~~selected from a group consisting of~~ a digital data content listing,

~~digital data content transmission schedule, pricing data for displaying each of the plurality of digital data content, digital data content summary, a critical review of the digital data content, a sample of the digital data content; and~~

providing a mechanism for the viewer to display any of the selected digital data content from storage that was previously selected.

Claim 32 (currently amended). The method of claim 31, further comprising ~~the step~~ of periodically updating the additional data.

Claim 33. (currently amended) The method of claim 31, wherein the ~~permitting~~ providing the mechanism for the customer viewer to ~~preselect~~ desired digital data content from the ~~plurality of~~ digital data content received ~~for storage~~ comprises displaying the ~~plurality of~~ digital data content by category.

Claim 34. (currently amended) The method of claim 31, further comprising preventing the ~~preselected~~ and stored digital data content from being displayed on unauthorized devices.

Claim 35. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the preventing comprises inserting coding in the digital data content which prevents display on unauthorized devices.

Claim 36. (currently amended) The method of claim 34, further comprising enabling a display device for displaying of the ~~preselected~~ and stored digital data content.

Claim 37. (previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the enabling comprises transmitting an enabling signal to the display device from the remote location.

Claim 38. (currently amended) The method of claim 31, wherein the ~~plurality of~~ digital data content is transmitted to a plurality of ~~customers~~ viewers, the method further comprising altering the ~~preselected~~ and stored digital data content to identify the particular ~~customer~~ viewer from the plurality of ~~customers~~ viewers.

Claim 39. (currently amended) The method of claim 38, wherein the altering comprises inserting a digital watermark in the ~~preselected~~ digital data content prior to storage.

Claim 40. (canceled)

Claim 41. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~40~~ 31, wherein the additional information is promotional information on ~~at least one of the plurality of~~ digital data content.

Claim 42. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~40~~ 31, wherein the digital data content is video image data and the additional information is a soundtrack corresponding to the video image data.

Claim 43. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~40~~ 31, further comprising automatically selecting desired digital data content from the plurality of digital data content for storage received by the viewer according to ~~wherein the~~ predetermined criteria that is according to a ~~customer~~ viewer preference.

Claim 44. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~40~~ 31, further comprising automatically selecting desired digital data content from the plurality of digital data content for

storage received by the viewer according to ~~wherein the~~ predetermined criteria that is according to a ~~customer~~ viewer profile.

Claim 45. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~40~~ 31, further comprising advising the ~~customer~~ viewer of the storage of the additional information.

Claim 46. (previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising detecting data errors in the stored digital data content.

Claim 47. (currently amended) The method of claim 46, further comprising informing the ~~customer~~ viewer of detected data errors in the stored digital data content and ~~permitting~~ providing a mechanism for the ~~customer~~ viewer to either display the digital data content with errors or repair the errors in the digital data content.

Claim 48. (previously presented) The method of claim 47, wherein the repair of the errors in the digital data content comprises retransmitting the digital data content and storing the retransmitted digital data content.

Claim 49. (currently amended) The method of claim 46, further comprising designating a degree of errors in the stored digital data content and informing the ~~customer~~ viewer of the degree of errors.

Claim 50. (previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising crediting a provider of the digital data content upon displaying of the digital data content.

Claim 51-55. (canceled)

Claim 56. (currently amended) A method of distributing digital data content to a ~~customer~~ viewer, the method comprising:

transmitting ~~a plurality of~~ the digital data content to the ~~customer~~ viewer;
automatically selecting desired digital data content from the ~~plurality of~~ digital data content ~~for storage~~ received according to a predetermined criteria, wherein the predetermined criteria is determined randomly on a periodic basis;
~~permitting the customer to display any of the selected digital data content from storage;~~
and

~~transmitting~~ receiving digital data content displaying information from the ~~customer~~ viewer ~~to~~ at a remote location to verify that a selected digital data content has been displayed.

Claim 57. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A method of distributing digital data content to a ~~customer~~ viewer, the method comprising:

transmitting ~~a plurality of~~ the digital data content to the ~~customer~~ viewer;
automatically selecting desired digital data content from the ~~plurality of~~ digital data content ~~for storage~~ received by the viewer according to a predetermined criteria, wherein the predetermined criteria is based on the popularity of the digital data content;

~~permitting the customer to display any of the selected digital data content from storage;~~
and ~~transmitting~~ receiving digital data content displaying information from the ~~customer~~ viewer ~~to~~ at a remote location to verify that a selected digital data content has been displayed.

Claim 58. (canceled)

Claim 59. (canceled)

Claim 60. (currently amended) The method of claim 57, further comprising:
transmitting classification information in a header of at least some of the ~~plurality of~~
digital data content;
comparing the classification information to preference information of the ~~customer~~
viewer; and
automatically selecting digital data content from the ~~plurality of~~ digital data content
having a predetermined degree of similarity between the classification information and the
preference information.

Claim 61. (previously presented) The method of claim 57, further comprising
overwriting stored digital data content with the automatically selected digital data content
according to a predetermined criteria.

Claim 62. (currently amended) The method of claim 57, wherein the predetermined
criteria is that ~~the~~ oldest stored digital data content is overwritten with the automatically selected
digital data content.

Claim 63. (previously presented) The method of claim 57, wherein the predetermined
criteria is that older releases of stored digital data content is overwritten with the automatically
selected digital data content.

Claim 64. (currently amended) The method of claim 57, wherein the predetermined criteria is that stored digital data content which least fits a preference of the ~~customer~~ viewer is overwritten with the automatically selected digital data content.

Claims 65-106. (canceled)

Claim 107. (currently amended) A user station for displaying digital data content, the user station comprising:

a receiver ~~for receiving~~ to receive ~~a transmission of a plurality of~~ digital data content;
~~a memory;~~

a ~~means for~~ mechanism that automatically ~~selecting~~ selects from the ~~plurality of~~ digital data content for storage in ~~the~~ a memory randomly on a periodic basis; ~~and~~

~~selection means for informing the user of the digital data content automatically selected and for selecting from the automatically selected digital data content for display.~~

Claim 108. (currently amended) A user station for displaying digital data content, the user station comprising:

a receiver ~~for receiving~~ to receive ~~a transmission of a plurality of~~ digital data content;
~~a memory;~~

a ~~means for~~ mechanism that automatically ~~selecting~~ selects from the ~~plurality of~~ digital data content for storage in ~~the~~ a memory based on the popularity of the digital data content;
~~and~~

~~selection means for informing the user of the digital data content automatically selected and for selecting from the automatically selected digital data content for display.~~

Claims 109-110. (canceled)

111. (new) The user station of claim 107 wherein the mechanism that automatically selects from the digital data content makes said selection after all of said digital data content is received at the user station.

112. (new) The user station of claim 108 wherein the mechanism that automatically selects from the digital data content, makes said selection after all of said digital data content is received at the user station.

113. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein the mechanism for the viewer to select desired digital data content for storage from the digital data content received by the viewer enables said selection only after all the digital data content available for selection is received by the viewer.

114. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein the additional data is a digital data content transmission schedule.

115. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein the additional data is pricing data for displaying the digital data content.

116. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein the additional data is a digital data content summary.

117. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein the additional data is a critical review of the digital data content.

118. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein the additional data is a sample of the digital data content.

119. (new) A device for distributing digital data content to a viewer comprising:
a transmitting mechanism that transmits the digital data content to the viewer before selection by the viewer of desired content for storage at a location of the viewer; and
a verification mechanism, capable of verifying that selected desired digital data content for storage from the digital data content received by the viewer has been displayed at the viewer's location.

120. (new) The device of claim 119 wherein said selection is made only after all of said digital data content is received at the location of the viewer.